surveillance and target acquisition capability; (iii) enhancement of night righting capability; (iv) upgradation of electronics warfare and information warfare systems.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Do not arise.

(e) The equipping of Commandos is done keeping in mind possible threat scenarios and operational requirements.

Training to IAF Pilots by Nato

4823. SHRIK. RAMA MOHAN A RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the pilots to the Indian Air Force have got training skills in futuristic air-to-air refilling and "beyond visual range" combat tactics etc. from NATO;

(b) if so, the details of training that the pilots have undergone;

(c) whether Government propose to impart such exercises to its Air Force pilots regularly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Agni III Missiles

4824. SHRI EKANATH K THAKUR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to test fire this year Agni III, a long range surface-to-surface missile, capable of carrying nuclear warheads; and

(b) the special features of Angi III missiles?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Based on long-term security needs, Government has approved development of Agni-III for a range of 3000 km. The development is in progress and it is likely to be tested in near future. However, no date has been fixed for the first launch.

Inquiry into sleeping bags scam

†4825. SHRIMATIPREMACARIAPPA:

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SHRI SATISH PRADHAN Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: (a) whether it

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